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[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Yellow fever in Mississippi.

(Continuation of report from June 23, contained in the preceding issue.)

June 24 : No new cases reported.

June 25 : The negro case, reported June 23, is the child of a woman who worked for one of the earlier cases. This case has been moved to a tent and the remainder of the family isolated in tents under guard, and the house burned. A hospital tent has been erected, 1 patient is there; suspects are isolated in tents, and many negroes will go to the detention camp which will be established in a few days. One new case in town, developed Thursday, moved to tent and premises disinfected; only 1 person exposed and that one was immune. One case in the country 4 miles out, developed Sunday; house will be disinfected Monday.

June 26 : No new cases.

June 27 : Passed Assistant Surgeon Geddings instructed to open a small detention camp at McHenry. No new cases.

June 28 : Three cases under treatment. One suspect isolated in tent. No new foci. Investigation of a death at Biloxi, which had aroused suspicion, proved it to have occurred from malaria. The town of Gulfport reported clean.

June 29 : One new case, the suspect reported yesterday. One known focus in town, which as soon as patients recover will be obliterated.

Refugee camp established one mile from town and contains about sixty refugees. Thirty-eight refugees left for Fontainebleau.

June 30: No new cases; 5 under treatment; 1 focus. Local refugee camp has 21 inmates. Eucuta released to-day; all well.

Brig Amapala, war prize, remanded for disinfection to Tampa Bay quarantine.

The following telegram was received on the 25th instant from the medical officer in command U. S. Marine-Hospital Service, Key West, Fla.:

Brig *Amapala* arrived, war prize, twenty-four hours from Habana, where she has lain two months. Crew of 32, about 30 passengers, many children, much bedding and baggage. * * * Vessel now in the jurisdiction of the U. S. court. * * *

This vessel was ordered to Tampa Bay quarantine for disinfection on June 27, 1898.

Smallpox at Fredonia, N. Y.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 23, 1898.

SIR: At the urgent request of the local board of health of Fredonia, N. Y., I visited that village yesterday to determine whether a number of suspected cases of smallpox were genuine.

On inspection, I found 16 well developed cases of this disease and no precautions having been taken, it will not be surprising if this number is doubled within a few days, as a great many of the inhabitants of the village and vicinity have been exposed.

At my suggestion, the local board of health has taken steps to prevent the spread of the disease.

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The case of smallpox which we had in this city was discharged from the quarantine hospital on the 18th instant, all danger of contagion being past.

Respectfully yours,

ERNEST WENDE,
Health Commissioner.

Report of smallpox in Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., June 23, 1898.

SIR: Since my last report of April 13, 1898, smallpox has been reported in Pennsylvania as follows: Johnsonburg, Elk County, 1 case, recovered. Origin unknown. Tioga, Tioga County, 1 case.

Yours very truly,

BENJAMIN LEE, M. D.,
Secretary State Board of Health.

Smallpox at Bartow, Fla.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., June 25, 1898.

SIR: This office is just apprised by wire of the discovery of a case of smallpox at Bartow, Polk County, Fla. The Board's agent in Polk County wires: "Few exposures. Everything being done. No disposition to panic."

Yours truly,

JOSEPH Y. PORTER,
State Health Officer of Florida.